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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT BRIEFING - MARCH 30

1. FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S ARE EXCERPTED FROM THE MARCH 30 DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

2. Q: FRED, THERE ARE REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT THE ZAIRE ARMY OR AT LEAST THE COMMANDERS ARE FALLING BACK LEAVING KOLWEZI.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO UPDATE THE SITUATION?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY MILITARY DETAILS TO PASS ON TO YOU.

3. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHO
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THE INVADERS ARE?

A: NO

4. Q: CAN WE RUN DOWN THE REST OF THE CHECK LIST?

HAVE WE RESPONDED TO THE FURTHER AID REQUEST?

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A: NO
5. Q: NIGERIA'S ASSISTANCE IN ZAIRE. HAS IT BEEN EFFECTIVE?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS.

6. Q: HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT APPROACHED CONGRESS WITH PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR ZAIRE IN LIGHT OF THE FIGHTING?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BEYOND WHAT I HAVE SAID PREVIOUSLY, NAMELY THAT WE HAVE BEEN AND ARE CONSULTING WITH CONGRESS ON THE ZAIRE SITUAIION.

7. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY EVIDENCE OF CUBAN SUPPORT OR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE SHABA FIGHTING?

A: THE SAME ANSWER, I AM AFRAID. THERE IS NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF THEIR DIRECT INVOLVEMENT.

8. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY EVIDENCE AT ALL THAT THEY ARE PHYSICALLY THERE?

A: NO.

9. Q: WHAT ABOUT INDIRECT INVOLVEMENT? HOW ARE YOU DEFINING DIRECT INVOLVEMENT HERE?

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A: I AM NOT DEFINING IT. I AM JUST LEAVING IT THE WAY I SAID. I HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR EVALUATION OF THAT PARTICULAR POINT SINCE THE BEGINNING, AND I WILL HAVE TO STICK WITH THAT.

10. Q: HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT YOU ANSWERED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FIRST REQUEST BY ZAIRE AND IT TAKES SUCH A LONG TIME TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE SECOND ONE?

A: I WENT INTO THE REASONS WHY WE REACTED THE WAY WE DID WITH REGARD TO THE INITIAL REQUEST AT THE TIME THIS WHOLE THING WAS BROUGHT UP AND I THINK I EXPLAINED TO YOU OUR THINKING AT THAT TIME.

I AM NOT GOING TO ADD TO THAT OR EXPLAIN IT FURTHER OR TRY TO EXPLAIN TO YOU WHY WE ARE STILL CONSIDERING THE OTHER REQUEST. I JUST AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO IT.

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